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SUMMARY: LAWYER MAY HAVE BEEN DISMISSED FROM
SHCHARANSKIY CASE. NEWS OF LIPAVSKIY PROVIDES REFUSENIKS
NO REVELATIONS. SOURCE OF ALLEGATION THAT SHCHARANSKIY
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HAD ACCESS TO SECRETS STILL A MYSTERY. END SUMMARY.

1. THERE HAS BEEN NO KNOWN MOVEMENT IN THE SHCHARANSKIY
CASE. REFUSENIK SOURCES BELIEVE SILVA DUBROVSKAYA HAS
BEEN TAKEN OFF THE CASE BECAUSE SHCHARANSKIY REFUSED
TO ACCEPT HER. ACCORDING TO OTHER SOURCES DUBROVSKAYA
TOLD FRIENDS SHCHARANSKIY HAD REFUSED TO TALK TO HER. IN

ANY CASE, IT IS LIKELY THE AUTHORITIES WILL TOLERATE ONLY ONE OR TWO MORE REFUSALS BEFORE FORCING SHCHARANSKIY TO ACCEPT AN APPOINTED LAWYER.

2. REFUSENIK SOURCES DISMISS RECENT WESTERN PRESS REPORTS THAT LIPAVSKIY WORKED FOR CIA AS NOTHING NEW, NOTING THAT HE HAD SAID AS MUCH IN HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS LAST YEAR. IN THEIR VIEW, IF HE WAS A CIA AGENT, CHARGES SHOULD BE AGAINST HIM, NOT AGAINST SHCHARANSKIY. ACCORDING TO SOME DISSIDENTS, LIPAVSKIY WAS EITHER A KGB PLANT ALL THE TIME, OR BECAME ONE ONCE HE WAS CAUGHT TALKING TO AMERICAN OFFICIALS. THE LATTER ARGUMENT IS PUT FORTH BY PEOPLE WHO CLAIM TO KNOW THAT LIPAVSKIY WANTED TO EMIGRATE AND WAS EVEN WILLING TO HELP AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE IF HE THOUGHT IT WOULD HELP GET HIM OUT OF THE SOVIET UNION.

3. A REFUSENIK SOURCE WHO KNEW SHCHARANSKIY WHEN BOTH WERE STUDENTS AT MOSCOW PHYSICAL-TECHNICAL INSTITUTE TELLS US HE BELIEVES THAT ONLY POSSIBLE SOURCE OF ALLEGATIONS THAT SHCHARANSKIY POSSESSED MILITARY SECRETS STEMS FROM LATTER'S RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING WHILE AT INSTITUTE. SHCHARANSKIY, LIKE OUR SOURCE AND MOST, IF NOT ALL, OTHER STUDENTS AT INSTITUTE, WAS REQUIRED TO TAKE TWO YEARS OF RESERVE OFFICE TRAINING, INCLUDING ONE MONTH OF FULL-TIME TRAINING IN 1971, DURING THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SUMMER PRIOR TO GRADUATION. THIS PROGRAM IS CONSIDERED SECRET, ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE, BUT IN FACT STUDENTS ARE NOT GIVEN MILITARY SECRETS, SIMPLY MILITARY TRAINING. AFTER GRADUATION SHCHARANSKIY WORKED FOR AN OPEN, NOT A SECRET INSTITUTE.

4. THIS LINE OF ARGUMENT IS SUBSTANTIATED BY ANOTHER SOURCE WHO ALSO STUDIED AT INSTITUTE WITH SHCHARANSKIY. THIS SOURCE CLAIMS THAT SHCHARANSKIY WHILE AT THE INSTITUTE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO EMIGRATE. THIS FACT WAS KNOWN AND WOULD HAVE DISQUALIFIED HIM FROM KGB CLEARANCE FOR WORK WITH SECRET INFORMATION. IN PRINCIPLE, STUDENTS COULD BECOME INVOLVED IN CLASSIFIED WORK DURING THEIR LAST TWO YEARS AT THE INSTITUTE, BUT SHCHARANSKIY DID NOT. HE REPORTEDLY TOLD HIS FRIENDS THAT HE WOULD CAREFULLY AVOID ANY WORK INVOLVING SECRETS FOR FEAR IT WOULD SOMEDAY PREJUDICE HIS EMIGRATION APPLICATION. SHCHARANSKIY'S WORK DURING HIS LAST TWO YEARS IN SCHOOL CONCERNED COMPUTER APPLICATION TO SOLUTION OF CHESS PROBLEMS.

5. THE MILITARY TRAINING THAT SHCHARANSKIY UNDERWENT

AS PART OF HIS CURRICULUM, ACCORDING TO HIS FRIENDS,
WAS EXACTLY THE SAME AS THAT OF SEVERAL PHYSICAL-
TECHNICAL INSTITUTE GRADUATES WHO HAVE SINCE EMIGRATED.
WHATEVER CLAIM AUTHORITIES MAY MAKE IN SHCHARANSKIY TRIAL
ABOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE OF SECRETS, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY IT
WILL BE CLAIMED HE ACQUIRED THEM DURING HIS MANDATORY
MILITARY RESERVE TRAINING.

6. MARCH 15 IS FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF SHCHARANSKIY ARREST.
EVENT WILL BE MARKED, ACCORDING TO REFUSENIK SOURCES,
BY A HUNGER STRIKE AND BY A PRESS CONFERENCE AT APARTMENT
OF PROFESSOR NAUM MEIMAN. TOON

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